of the importance which is always appreciated I think the question may be supported by the Council

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer)* Sir, the importance of this Vypeen Pallipuram road has been brought before this Council by the Hon'ble Member himself on many occasions. As a result of these representations the Road Board have sanctioned a certain amount for the construction of this road and we shall not waste any more time in taking up acquisition proceedings for this road. In the Member's speech regarding the usefulness and the necessity for this road he dwelt on certain accidents which occurred in the backwaters. Even though the accidents were unfortunate I do not know how this road could have prevented them. My enquiry regarding the accidents show that they are mostly due of overcrowding in the boat coming from Vypeen to the harbour in extremely stormy weather. But that is not a reason that could be advanced for the construction of the road. In any case the road is a very important one and every effort will be made to start land acquisition proceedings shortly.

**Mr. Ephraim Ouseph** *(Narakkal):* In view of the assurance given I beg leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

*Cut motion, by leave, withdrawn*

## CUT MOTION No. 20

### Wooden Bridge to connect Nedungad with Nayarambalam

**Mr. Ephraim Ouseph** *(Narakkal):* To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,09,770 for communications by Re. 1. *To construct a wooden bridge to connect the island of Nedungad with the centre of Nayarambalam village.*

Nayarambalam is one of the most thickly populated places. There is a canal connecting Nayarambalam and Nedungad. Labourers find it very difficult to cross the canal. It is an elementary necessity in a sadly neglected area. What we ask is for a very small wooden bridge. I hope Government will find funds immediately.

*Mr. Joseph Pettah *(Adur):* I would support the motion since I have some personal knowledge of the place and also of the importance of the place. It is a very small matter as the Hon'ble Mover has pointed out and the funds required are very small. But benefit to the public would be very large. On that point of view, I hope the Government will not hestitate to take up the work. Some time ago there was a proposal for constructing a big bridge between Nedungad and Narakkal. There was very serious divergence of opinion as to the location of the particular bridge, whether it should be in the middle or at the either ends. At last some how that bridge was located in the southern portion. If it were in the central people of the north would have been benefited. Now the only available bridge is in the southern most portion. If the people wanted to cross over they will have to take a long time and even the bridge now existing is not properly connected with the main land. That is another serious difficulty. So if something is provided at the northern portion of that area it will be a great service to the people of the locality. It is a very urgent matter. So the Government should come to the rescue of the people and do the needful, without any delay.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* At the time of constructing the bridge between Nedungad and Narakkal there was, as the member pointed out considerable opposition. One party wanted in the northern portion another in the centre and so on. I think it was in the year 1104 that this controversy took place. I looked into the question very minutely and thought that some facilities had to be given to the island of Nedungad the most natural outlet to that area is the southern point because it is nearer the public office of Narakkal and it is also towards Ernakulam. I believe the Panchayats are having the extension of the road connecting the western portion of that embankment with the main land of Narakkal. The question of putting up a bridge in the middle of the island has now come up for consideration. The Hon'ble Member for Narakkal had brought this point to my notice in 1118, and I had the question examined. The construction of the bridge there would cost about 9 thousand rupees. A preliminary estimate for the bridge has already been made. I shall place this before the Road Board and see what action can be taken on this matter.

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member

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